

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13 and 14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2, 3, 5, 10, 11 and 13 are amended and claims 1, 4, 7-9, 12, 15 and 16 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter disclosed therein. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully appreciates the indication that claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13 and 14 are allowable.

The Office Action objects to the specification because the title is not adequately descriptive. The title is amended to overcome the objection as suggested by the Patent Office. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 8, 9 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Sato (U.S. Patent No. 6,963,470); and claims 4, 7, 12 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Sato. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

In particular, the cancellation of rejected claims 1, 4, 7-9, 12, 15 and 16 renders their rejection moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13 and 14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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